सर्वेक्षण के दौरान बहुमूल्य धातुओं के भंडारों का पता लगा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या कुल्लू जिले की पार्वती घाटी में टाहुंक नामक स्थान पर चांदी के भंडार तथा गड़सा घाटी में पटपानी नामक स्थान पर तांबे के विपुल भंडार होने की संभावना व्यक्त की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितनी मात्रा में और इन धातुओं के खनन हेतु सरकार ने क्या योजना बनाई है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) जी नहीं, ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Deposits of Bauxite Mining in Orissa

1378. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to stare :

(a) whether it is a fact that "Bauxite" mining is taking place in some parts of Kalahandi and Koraput districts in Orissa;

(b) if so, where and in which plant this Bauxite is supposed to be utilised; and

(c) whether environmental clearance was obtained before allowing the mining operations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Bauxite mining in Orissa State is being done by National Aluminium Company Limited (an undertaking of the Ministry of Mines) at Panchpat-mali in Koraput District. The Bauxite so mined is being mainly utilised in the Alumina plant of NALCO at Damanjodi situated nearby.

(c) Necessary environmental clearance has been obtained by the Company before starting the Mining operations.

Corruption in IBM

1379. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether cases of deliberate delay and other malpractices in various offices of IBM have come to the notice of Goverment;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in the matter;

(c) whether various members of the public and private sector have been contacted to find out the nature of delays and procedural objections raised by IBM offices to harass entrepreneurs in the mining sector:

(d) what steps have been taken to streamline the operations of the IBM in Hyderabad; and

(e) whether it is a fact that entrepreneurs face hardship in obtaining mining licences from such offices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to
(c) Some complaints have been received in the past, many of them anonymous/pseudonymous mostly relating to approval of mining plans, inspection of mines etc. All these complaints received were enquired into and they were found to be either of general nature or lacking in material infor-

mation or proof accessary for establishing the allegations. IBM has held two All India Workshops on mining laws in 1988 and 1990 involving State Governments, mine owners and Mining Associations to understand difficulties in the approval of mining plans. Subsequently, eight regional workshops involving the recognised qualified persons (RQP) engaged in preparation of mining plans have been held in Goa, Madras, Bangalore, Jabalpur, Nagpur, Calcutta, Ajmer and Udaipur regions. Mining Plan Grievances Committees have been set up in each Regional Office of IBM in 1992-93 comprising of State Government officials, representatives of the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries, and RQP's in addition to IBM officials.

(d) An Additional Regional Controller of Mines has been assigned the duty of disposal of mining plans at Hyderabad in view *of the large work* load in that region.

(e) As IBM does not issue mining leases or licences, the question does not arise.

Revision of Royalty Rates on Minerals

1380. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Inter-State Council's Sub-Committee recently discussed re vision of royalty rates on minerals exploited in certain states as reported in the Hindustan Times of 24th April, 1993;

(b) if so, the details of discussion thereof; and

(c) what decision Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Sub-Committee considered the relevant recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission. The question of Government taking any view will arise only after the Inter-State Council finalises its Own views on the recommendations of its Sub-Committee.

Mineral Resources in Madhya Pradesh

1381. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Financial Express of 23rd April, 1993 captioned "Mineral resources found in Madhya Pradesh";

(b) if so, the details thereof and total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years; and

(c) whether the Ecological Survey of India propose to undertake a similar survey in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of survey and exploration carried out by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, following mineral resources/reserves have been established :

(i) 92 million tonnes of low silica dolomite in Lohani area, Chattarpur and Sagar districts.

(ii) 0.85 million tonnes of zinc ore with 6.48% Zn in Kherli Bazar area, Betul district.